

## EMERGENCY ALERT AND COMMUNICATION GUIDELINE

This guideline is intended to serve as a reference and does not replace common sense, sound judgment, and prudent actions in response to a disaster.

### Communication Redundancy Plan

The State of Hawaii has a robust Outdoor Warning Siren System; however, with population and development growth more sirens are being planned to be installed; however, the Outdoor Warning Siren System is just one way to receive emergency alerts. It is strongly recommended to have multiple methods of receiving emergency information. These methods include:

- Local TV and Radio Broadcasts
- Emergency Alert System (EAS) message notifications broadcast over local TV, Radio and NOAA AM/FM Weather Radio
- Wireless Emergency Alert (WEA) system by having it set in the “On” mode on Smart Phone devices
- NOAA AM/FM Weather Radio with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME)
- HNL.info push alerts/email/SMS text messaging via app download from the App Store or Google Play Store or via online registration at <https://hnl.info/alerts/register.php> (Each County has their own local notification system. HNL.info is only for Honolulu.)
- Public Address Systems broadcast by local emergency responders

In addition, consider a 2-way Family Radio Service (FRS) radio or acquiring an Amateur (HAM) Radio License to not only be able to receive emergency information but to be able to communicate emergency information. HAM Radio is the communication system that the Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) and the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) along with the City and State Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) utilizes when landlines and cell phones are inoperable.

### Local TV and Radio Broadcasting

Emergency information such as evacuation instructions may be issued over the Emergency Alert System (EAS) via TV and Radio. Radio Stations include but are not limited to the following:

- KSSK AM 590 / FM 92.3
- KZOO AM 1210 (Japanese Language Station)
- KREA AM 1540 (Korean Language Station)
- KNDI AM 1270 (Multi-Cultural Language Station to include: Ilocano, Tagalog, Hispanic, Cantonese, Mandarin, Laotian, Okinawan, Vietnamese, Samoan, Tongan, Marshallese, Chuukese, Pohnpeian, and English)



